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combination:

a central computer; and

a plurality of gaming terminals coupled to the central computer wherein each of the plurality of gaming terminals is located in proximity to a gaming table, whereby the gaming terminal is operable by a dealer not by a player.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein each of the plurality of gaming terminals comprises:

a data entry device for entering transaction data for transactions that occur at the gaming table;

a display for displaying the entered transaction data; and

at least one I/O port for transmitting data to the central computer.

Please replace claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The system of claim 2 wherein each of the gaming terminals transmits the entered transaction data to the central computer.

4. The system of claim 3 wherein the central computer executes a software program which maintains records of the entered transaction data for each of the plurality of gaming terminals.

5. The system of claim 1 further comprising at least one peripheral device coupled to at least one of the plurality of gaming terminals.

Please replace claim 6 as follows:

6. (Amended) A casino gaming table accounting system comprising, in combination:

a central router; and

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a plurality of gaming computers coupled to the central router wherein each of the plurality of gaming computers is located in proximity of a plurality of gaming tables, whereby the gaming computer is operable by a dealer not by a player .

7. The system of claim 6 wherein each of the plurality of gaming computers comprises:

a data entry device for entering transaction data for transactions that occur at the gaming table;

a display for displaying the entered transaction data;

a processor for executing a software program wherein the processor reads and stores the entered transaction data;

a memory array for storing the entered transaction data; and

at least one I/O port for transmitting and receiving data from the central router.

8. The system of claim 7 wherein each of the gaming computers executes a software program which maintains records of the entered transaction data for each of the plurality of gaming tables.

9. The system of claim 6 further comprising a central server coupled to the central router for storing at least one data file that may be accessed by at least one of the plurality of gaming computers.

10. The system of claim 6 further comprising a central server coupled to the central router for storing at least one software program that may be accessed by at least one of the plurality of gaming computers.

11. The system of claim 6 further comprising at least one peripheral device coupled to at least one of the plurality of gaming computers.

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Please replace claim 12 as follows:

12. (Amended) A casino gaming computer located in proximity of a gaming table where it is operable by a dealer and not by a player, comprising, in combination:

a data entry device for the dealer to enter transaction data for transactions that occur at the gaming table;

a display for displaying the entered transaction data;

a processor for executing a software program wherein the processor reads and stores the entered transaction data;

a memory array for storing the entered transaction data; and

at least one peripheral device for outputting the entered transaction data.

Please replace claim 13 as follows:

13. (Amended) A method for casino gaming table accounting comprising the steps of:

providing a central computer; and

providing a plurality of gaming terminals coupled to the central computer wherein each of the plurality of gaming terminals is located in proximity of a gaming table, where it is operable by a dealer not by a player.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the step of providing the plurality of gaming terminals further comprises the steps of:

providing a data entry device for entering transaction data for transactions that occur at the gaming table;

providing a display for displaying the entered transaction data; and

providing a least one I/O port for transmitting data to the central computer.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein each of the gaming terminals transmits the entered transaction data to the central computer.

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16. The method of claim 15 wherein the central computer executes a software program which maintains records of the entered transaction data for each of the plurality of gaming terminals.

17. The method of claim 13 further comprising the step of providing at least one peripheral device coupled to at least one of the plurality of gaming terminals.

Please replace claim 18 as follows:

18. (Amended) A method for casino gaming table accounting comprising the steps of:

- providing a central router; and

- providing a plurality of gaming computers coupled to the central router wherein each of the plurality of gaming terminals is located in proximity of a gaming, whereby the gaming terminal is operable by a dealer not by a player.

19. The method of claim 18 wherein the step of providing the plurality of gaming computers comprises the steps of:

- providing a data entry device for entering transaction data for transactions that occur at the gaming table;

- providing a display for displaying the entered transaction data;

- providing a processor for executing a software program wherein the processor reads and stores the entered transaction data;

- providing a memory array for storing the entered transaction data; and

- providing at least one I/O port for transmitting and receiving data from the central router.

20. The method of claim 19 wherein each of the gaming computers executes a

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software program which maintains records of the entered transaction data for each of the plurality of gaming tables.

21. The method of claim 18 further comprising the step of providing a central server coupled to the central router for storing at least one data file that may be accessed by at least one of the plurality of gaming computers.

22. The method of claim 18 further comprising the step of providing a central server coupled to the central router for storing at least one software program that may be accessed by at least one of the plurality of gaming computers.

23. The method of claim 18 further comprising the step of providing at least one peripheral device coupled to at least one of the plurality of gaming computers..

Please replace claim 24 as follows:

24. (Amended) A method for casino gaming accounting comprising the steps of providing at least one gaming computer located in proximity of a gaming table wherein each of the at least one gaming computers comprises the steps of:

- providing a data entry device for the dealer to enter transaction data for transactions that occur at the gaming table;

- providing a display for displaying the entered transaction data;

- providing a processor for executing a software program wherein the processor reads and stores the entered transaction data;

- providing a memory array for storing the entered transaction data; and

- providing at least one peripheral device for outputting the entered transaction data.